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Reducing Organic Depletion
During Non-Processing Time
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 2, 2003

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 2, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 2, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6346.02/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The **Pending Claims** are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.